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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON SMART CITY TELECOM PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REVENUE RECOVERY RULES FOR RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208

Comment Date: April 15, 2013

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a petition for waiver of 47 C.F.R. section 51.917(b)(7)(ii) filed by Smart City Telecommunications LLC d/b/a Smart City Telecom (Smart City) on March 27, 2013.¹

In its Petition, Smart City seeks "a limited waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 51.917(b)(7)(ii)...[to] allow Smart City Telecom to include in its FY 2011 Base Period Revenues amounts...that should have been billed and collected by March 31, 2012 but were not due to a billing dispute that occurred during" FY 2011.² Smart City states that the company excluded disputed amounts when it calculated the FY 2011 Base Period Revenue.³ Subsequently, the company settled the dispute and received payment after the March 31, 2012 collection deadline.⁴

Smart City argues that the requested waiver is justified because the overall purpose of the waiver process described in footnote 1745 of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*⁵ is "... to allow a company to include revenues associated with FY 2011 that were billed and collected to be included in the Baseline when those revenues were collected after March 31, 2012."

¹ Petition of Smart City Telecommunications LLC d/b/a Smart City Telecom for Limited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.917(b), CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed March 27, 2013) (Smart City Petition).

² *Id.* at 1-2.

 $^{^3}$ Id

⁴ *Id*. at 3-4.

⁵ See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd at 17982 (2011) (USF/ICC Transformation Order), pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

⁶ Smart City Petition at 5.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to Gregory Haledjian, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5A-104, Washington, D.C. 20554, or via e-mail at Gregory.Haledjian@fcc.gov.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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